

AMENDMENT

Serial No. 09/954,586
Atty. Docket No. GP116-03.UTRemarks

Claims 178, 179, 219-224 and 260-264 are presently pending in the subject application

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 164-177, 180-218 and 225-259 are canceled herein without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of these claims in this or a future continuing application.

Claims 178, 179, 219-224 and 260-264, the only remaining claims, stand objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claims. In response, Applicants have amended the objected to claims herein to incorporate all the limitations of the rejected base claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Amendment. If Applicants are mistaken, please charge any amounts due to Deposit Account No. 07-0835 in the name of Gen-Probe Incorporated.

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